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FOR S/PRS

PASS NSC AND WHITE HOUSE FOR SCOWCROWFT AND NESSEN

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: TEXT OF KISSINGER/BREZHNEV PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SHORTLY BEFORE THE ELEVEN A.M. MEETING, SECRETARY KISSINGER MET WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO BEFORE A POOL OF ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE U.S. PRESS AND OTHER SOVIET REPORTERS. TAPE RECORDERS WERE NOT ALLOWED, AND WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT TAKEN BY THE PRESS POOL.

THE POOL IS IN AGREEMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING WAS SAID.

2. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF PRESS POOL REPORT OF SECRETARY AND BREZHNEV PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 21.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE HALL OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUILDING IN THE KREMLIM AND WAS INTERPRETED BY INTERPRETERS OF BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV.

BREZHNEV ENTERED FIRST, WEARING A BLUE SUIT, BLUE SHIRT, RED PATTERNED TIE, AND ON THE LEFT SIDE, TWO GOLD STARS AND ORDERS OF LENIN. THE SPEAKERS STOOD BEHIND A LONG TABLE ON WHICH STOOD,
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AMONG OTHER DRINKS, BOTTLED PEPSI. BLACK AND WHITE PORTRAITS

OF MARX AND LENIN WERE ON THE WALL.

BREZHNEV: THIS IS A LINK-UP OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, LIKE SOYUZ AND APOLLO. (TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, AS HE ENTERED) YOU LOOK MUCH YOUNGER.

KISSINGER: YOU LOOK VERY WELL.

B: THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT.

K: I'M FAT.

GROMYKO: NO. YOU LOST WEIGHT.

B. TO SONNENFELDT: HERE'S AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE, A TRAVELING COMPANION.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL YOUR VISIT TO US TAKE PLACE?

B: THAT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SAYS.

REPORTER: CAN YOU EVALUATE THE CURRENT STATUS OF US/SOVIET RELATIONS?

B: IT'S HARD FOR ME TO EVALUATE. IT'S UP TO WHAT NICE THINGS KISSINGER HAS TO SAY.

K: I HOPE HE'S FRIENDLIER IN RUSSIAN THAN HE IS IN ENGLISH.

(THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE REPORTER.)

REPORTER: WHAT ARE THE CHIEF SUBJECTS OF YOUR TALKS?

B: THE PRIMARY SUBJECT IS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. THERE ARE ALSO QUESTIONS OF THE REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE AND A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THE WORLD IS BIG, AND THE SUBJECTS ARE INEXHAUSTIBLE.

REPORTER: WILL ANGOLA BE AMONG THE SUBJECTS?

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B: I HAVE NO QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGOLA. ANGOLA IS NOT MY COUNTRY.

K: IT WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED.

GROMYKO: THE AGENDA IS ALWAYS ADOPTED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

K: THEN I WILL DISCUSS IT.

B: YOU'LL DISCUSS IT WITH SONNENFELDT. THAT WILL INSURE COMPLETE AGREEMENT. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM HAVE A DISAGREEMENT WITH SONNENFELDT.

REPORTER: THE TWO COUNTRIES EACH HAVE A LARGE EVENT COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 24, THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY AND THE PARTY CONGRESS. DO YOU EXPECT--(INTERRUPTED)

B: THE CONGRESS IS A GREAT EVENT FOR ME, FOR OUR PARTY, AND FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. IT IS A GREAT EVENT FOR ME AS THE ONE WHO GIVES THE MAJOR REPORT. IT'S A MEMENTOUS OCCASION.

REPORTER: WILL YOU REPORT ABOUT A SALT AGREEMENT?

B: IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, I WILL TALK ABOUT IT. IF AN AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY THEN, AND THERE IS SOMETHING TO REPORT ABOUT IT, I WILL DO SO. OUR PEOPLE ARE USED TO BEING TOLD WHAT IS HAPPENING.

REPORTER: DO YOU HOPE TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR A SUMMIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

B: I EXPECT TO. I CAN'T SAY WHEN. IF I CAN RETURN TO THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION, LET ME SAY THE BASIC IMPORTANCE OF THAT VISIT IS THAT AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED. AND THEN COMRADE BREZHNEV CAN GO TO WASHINGTON AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

REPORTER: DO YOU EXPECT THESE TALKS TO PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT?

B: I CAN'T GIVE A DEFINITE REPLY BEFORE THE TALKS, BUT I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR CURIOSITY. YOUR QUESTION CONTAINS YOUR ANSWER.

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GROMYKO: THIS IS A DIPLOMATIC ANSWER.

B: (TO THE PRESS) I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPECT, AND YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THAT I CAN'T GIVE PRECISE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BEFORE THIS CONFERENCE. END TEXT

4. THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ONLY, AND IS NOT RPT NOT TO BE ISSUED AS A PRESS RELEASE.
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